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The Honorable Barbara Boxer
United States Senate
112 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Boxer:

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United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
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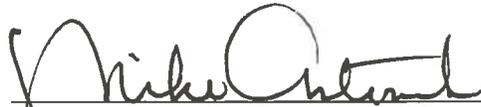
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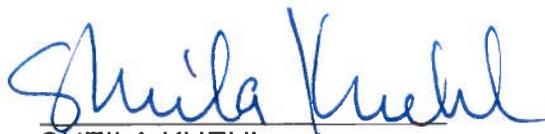
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MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

The Honorable Karen Bass
U.S. House of Representatives
408 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Bass:

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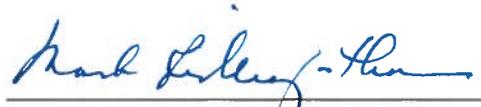
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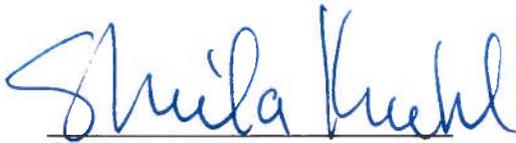
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The Honorable Xavier Becerra
U.S. House of Representatives
1226 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Julia Brownley
U.S. House of Representatives
1019 Longworth House Office Building
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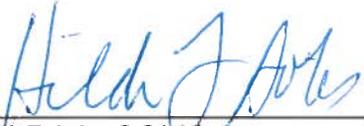
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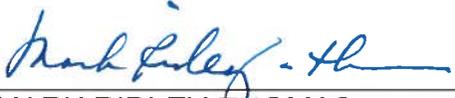
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The Honorable Tony Cardenas
U.S. House of Representatives
1510 Longworth House Office Building
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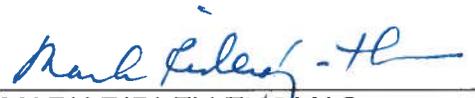
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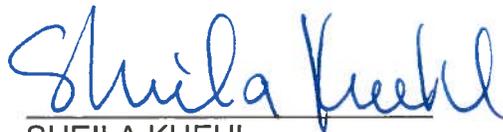
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U.S. House of Representatives
1023 Longworth House Office Building
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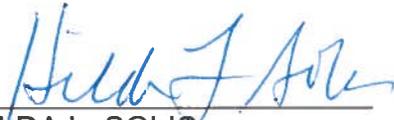
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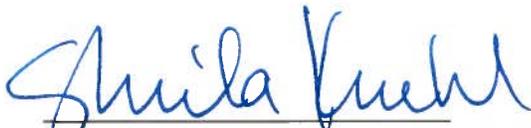
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The Honorable Grace F. Napolitano
U.S. House of Representatives
1610 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Representative Napolitano:

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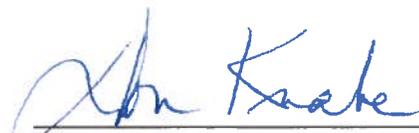
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MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

The Honorable Lucille Roybal-Allard
U.S. House of Representatives
2330 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Roybal-Allard:

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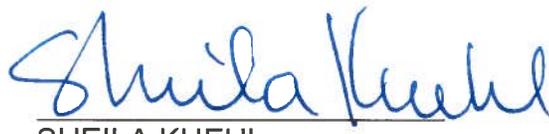
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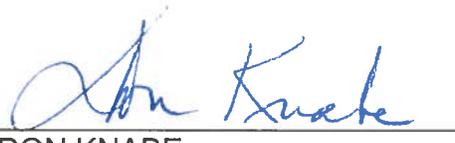
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The Honorable Ed Royce
U.S. House of Representatives
2310 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Royce:

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The Honorable Linda Sánchez
U.S. House of Representatives
2329 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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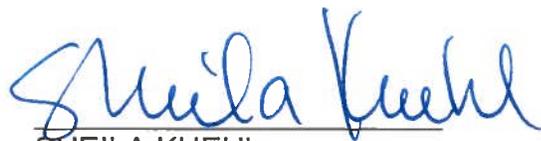
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The Honorable Adam Schiff
U.S. House of Representatives
2411 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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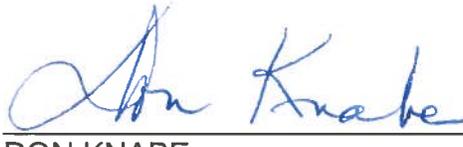
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U.S. House of Representatives
2242 Rayburn House Office Building
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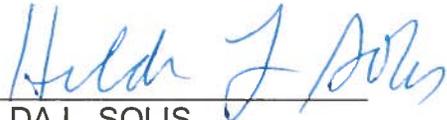
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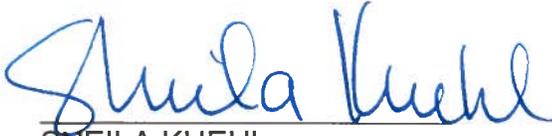
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U.S. House of Representatives
516 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives
2221 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Ted Lieu
U.S. House of Representatives
415 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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